



Florida Public Service Commission **RATE CASE OVERVIEW**

JULY 2022

Application for increase in water rates in Washington County by

Sunny Hills Utility Company

DOCKET NO. 20220066-WS

On April 7, 2022, Sunny Hills Utility Company (Sunny Hills or Utility) filed an application for an increase in water rates with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission). Sunny Hills is a Class B water and wastewater utility serving 585 residential customers and 18 general service customers in Washington County.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1 Why is Sunny Hills requesting a rate increase?

Sunny Hills is requesting a rate increase to recover the cost of operating the Utility and allow the company an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return on its investment.

2 When was Sunny Hills' last approved rate increase?

Sunny Hills has not had rates established since its transfer from Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. The Utility's last rate case under the name Aqua Utilities was in 2012.

3 How much is the current monthly water bill for a residential customer of Sunny Hills using 4,000 gallons?

The Utility's current monthly water bill for a residential customer of Sunny Hills using 4,000 gallons is \$47.05.

4 Using the Utility's proposed rates, how much would the monthly water bill be for a residential customer of Sunny Hills using 4,000 gallons?

Using the Utility's proposed rates, the monthly water bill for a residential customer using 4,000 gallons would be \$49.87.

5 Is there an opportunity for public input on this rate case?

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for Sunny Hills' rate request, Commission staff will conduct a virtual customer meeting to allow feedback about Sunny Hills and the rate-setting process. Comments will be reviewed before the Commission reaches a decision. One or more Commissioners may attend and participate during the customer meeting.

VIRTUAL CUSTOMER MEETING

Tuesday, July 19, 2022
7:00 p.m. EDT, 6:00 p.m. CDT

To speak at the virtual customer meeting, a customer must sign up via the PSC's online registration form, which will be available at www.FloridaPSC.com under the Hot Topics section on the home page. Customers without internet access can sign up to speak by calling the PSC at (850) 413-7080. Registration will open beginning July 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. EDT, and the deadline to sign up is **Friday, July 15, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. EDT.**

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If cancelled, notice of service hearing cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website, (www.FloridaPSC.com), under Hot Topics found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by contacting the Office of General Counsel at (850) 413-6199.

One day prior to the meeting, speakers will be provided further instructions from PSC staff on how to participate.

6 What if I cannot attend the virtual customer meeting or prefer not to speak? Are there other ways to comment on this case?

Any interested person who wants to comment or provide information to the Commission regarding this matter may do so orally at the virtual customer meeting or in writing. Written comments should be mailed to:

Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

The PSC will also accept emailed comments at: clerk@psc.state.fl.us.

Please be sure to include the docket number, **20220066-WS**.

Comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider Sunny Hills' quality of service and other matters. If you have questions, contact the PSC's Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at 1-800-342-3552.

7 Who provides legal representation for customers in utility related matters before the Public Service Commission?

The Office of Public Counsel was established by the Florida Legislature to advocate on behalf of you and the other utility customers before the Commission and other state and federal regulatory authorities. The Public Counsel is independent from the Commission, and accountable only to the people of the state of Florida through the Florida Legislature. You can reach the Office of Public Counsel at (800) 342-0222 or www.floridaopc.gov.

8 Can I obtain more detailed information on-line?

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC website at www.FloridaPSC.com. Click on Clerk's Office then Dockets. Type in the docket number 20220066.

9 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Donald Phillips
Quality of Service and Engineering
(850) 413 - 6974

Christopher Richards
Accounting
(850) 413 - 6742

Terence Bethea
Rates and Charges
(850) 413 - 6435

For legal questions, contact:

Jon Rubottom
(850) 413 - 6191

10 When will the PSC make a decision?

PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on August 26, 2022. The Commissioners are expected to vote at the September 8, 2022 Commission Conference.

11 How can I follow the Commission Conference?

You can watch the virtual customer meeting and Commission Conference live from the PSC website at www.FloridaPSC.com. Look for the "Watch Live Broadcast" icon on the left side of the webpage. An audio only option is available by dialing 850-413-7999. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the PSC by using the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

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Sunny Hills Utility Company Monthly Water Bills

	Rates Prior to Filing	Commission Approved Interim Rates	Utility Requested Final Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$19.77	\$20.95	\$27.54
3/4"	\$29.66	\$31.43	\$41.30
1"	\$49.43	\$52.38	\$68.84
1 1/2"	\$98.85	\$104.75	\$137.68
2"	\$158.16	\$167.60	\$220.28
3"	\$316.32	\$335.20	\$440.56
4"	\$494.25	\$523.75	\$688.38
6"	\$988.50	\$1,047.50	\$1,376.75
8"	\$1,581.60	\$1,676.00	\$2,202.81
10"	\$2,273.55	\$2,409.25	\$3,166.53
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential Service			
0 - 6,000 gallons	\$6.82	\$7.23	\$7.76
6,001 - 12,000 gallons	\$10.24	\$10.85	\$11.64
Over 12,000 gallons	\$13.63	\$14.45	\$15.52
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service	\$7.64	\$8.10	\$8.46
<u>Private Fire Protection</u>			
2"	\$13.18	\$13.97	\$18.36
3"	\$26.36	\$27.93	\$36.71
4"	\$41.19	\$43.65	\$57.36
6"	\$82.38	\$87.29	\$114.73
8"	\$131.80	\$139.67	\$163.57
10"	\$189.46	\$200.77	\$263.88
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>			
2,000 gallons	\$33.41	\$35.41	\$43.06
4,000 gallons	\$47.05	\$49.87	\$58.58
6,000 gallons	\$60.69	\$64.33	\$74.10

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To submit your comments about this docket to the Florida Public Service Commission, please complete this comment form and return it by mail, or scan and email to the Commission Clerk at clerk@psc.state.fl.us. Correspondence will be placed in the docket file.

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